

Success Story: Cumberland Play Park Nashville, TN

The Cumberland Play Park is as an innovative play space for children and families located on the East Bank of the Cumberland River in downtown Nashville. It is a portion of an overall project to revitalize approximately 3 miles on both the East and West bank of the river. Due to historical uses of the park property as a saw mill and a bridge/barge manufacturing facility, environmental assessments were conducted utilizing EPA Region 4 Targeted Brownfields Assessment assistance. Additional assessment and technical oversight by the Tennessee Department of Environment and Conservation Division of Remediation (TDEC-DoR) was funded using 128(a) funds. The assessments identified several areas impacted by poly-aromatic hydrocarbons, lead and arsenic that required cleanup. The TDEC-DoR and the Metro Parks and Recreation Department worked cooperatively to develop and implement plans that incorporated a combination of soil removals, engineered caps and institutional controls to address environmental concerns and provide for safe reuse of the property.



Former bridge/barge manufacturing facility



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